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53 new cases, 15,696 recoveries, and 11 more deaths related to COVID-19

WINDBOROUGH, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 53 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and 11 more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,097 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 15,696 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 238,386 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 29,098, including four delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,365
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,816
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,401
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,588
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,592
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,950
On Thursday, the state of Arizona reported 1,861 new cases, Utah reported 1,242, and New Mexico reported 541 new cases.

“We are all in this fight against COVID-19 together. When we wear a mask and when we choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we are not only protecting ourselves, but we are also protecting our loved ones and everyone that we come into contact with. Yes, the vaccines are here and our health care workers are doing a great job getting them into the arms of our people, but we have to keep fighting hard and not let up. We see the numbers of new daily cases gradually getting lower, but that does not mean it’s safe to travel and hold family gatherings. We have COVID-19 variants that are spreading in many states, so please continue to take all precautions. Stay home as much as possible, wear a mask or even two masks in public, avoid gatherings and crowds, practice social distancing, and wash your hands with warm water and soap often,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Navajo Nation’s curfew remains in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (MST) seven days a week. Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

“We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated many families, so it’s very important that our people seek help with their mental health. The Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services continues to offer their support and assistance for our Navajo people who need help. We encourage anyone who needs support to reach out. Please continue to pray for yourselves and all of our people,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health’s COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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